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JUBILEE YEAR — LOOKING BACK AND TO THE FUTURE

The Diamond Jubilee of the refounded school was celebrated at Speech Day and the school was very pleased to welcome Miss Janet Wells on that occasion. Her address recalled for the old scholars present the early days of the school and gave present members a vivid picture of the traditions that were established then, many of which survive today.

Not much is known of the first three hundred years of the school's history from the foundation of Walter Newport but records from about 1810 (when the school was rebuilt in Birch Abbey) reveal a checkered history with numbers of pupils fluctuating from fifty down to five.

The new foundation of 1912 brought education to a much wider range of children under the auspices of the County Council and numbers quickly grew from the 30 in the first year to 200 or so. Traditions of scholarship and social conscience were established and the early copies of the school magazine reflect accurately the spirit of the times.

Since 1944 when the Grammar School in its currently familiar pattern was evolved the numbers have continued to grow. The buildings of 1962 aimed to cater for a wider curriculum

with increasing opportunities for craft work. The expected limit in numbers at that time was 350 but the past ten years have produced an ever increasing demand for sixth form courses and our present numbers of 408 result largely from this expansion. Once again we find it extremely difficult to accommodate all the teaching groups that a large sixth form requires. It is encouraging to find so many qualifying for sixth form work and we have been pleased to welcome a growing number of transfers from local High Schools for A level courses.

While we are proud of the past and present record of academic achievement there is more to education than book learning alone and the reports of the activities, sports and outings reflect a lively and vigorous community looking outside the school for study and involvement in social service of one kind or another.

The genuine interest shown by both parents and Old Scholars in what we are doing is a healthy development and I hope these organisations will receive the full support of their members.

As for the future, the pattern is now clearer than it was at Speech Day. The Education Committee propose to reorganise the secondary schools in this area so that the Grammar school will become an Upper Comprehensive school catering for all pupils between age 13 and 18. We may therefore expect very much improved facilities for all pupils as well as changes in the organisational structure of the school. An important task of planning and preparation is ahead but everyone involved in this will work to preserve the standards the school has developed over the years.

A critical chapter in the history of this school lies ahead and we may take pride in the fact that our foundations are of the kind which may support most effectively the building of a wider and larger community.

Headmaster.

NOTES AND NEWS

Mrs. Quinney retired from being Chairman of the Governors this year and her place was taken by Mr. J. G. Holt. We thank her very much for the great amount she has done for the school. Mrs. M. Feast is the new Vice-Chairman. We are pleased to welcome Miss Roberts-Powell who has taken Miss Belton's place as County Careers Advisor and also the new caretaker, Mr. Caicroft.

New subjects taught for the first time this year are Economics with Mr. Micklethwaite for the 6th forms, German with Mrs. Petherbridge for the third year and Liberal studies for the 6th year. The latter gave 6th formers the chance of studying Meteorology, Comparative Education, History of India, China and Japan, American Literature, Archaeology, Sociology in Education or the television series 'New Horizons' for two periods a week, plus a double lesson of either Art, Drama, Metalwork, Woodwork or Social Service.

For social service, groups of 6th formers went to Meadow View and Oversley Hospital where they served lunches and took residents for walks, while pairs have helped older residents in the town by gardening, log-chopping, shopping and by just chatting with them. There were hopes of starting a play-group but certain difficulties were not overcome.

The sponsored Spastics' Walk, organised at Ragley Hall by Mr. Micklethwaite, raised £361 for the charity.

There have been many outings and events at the school this year, many of which have been dealt with later. The 6th Form Geography group went to Coventry to see an exhibition on irrigation in the Tennessee Valley, the Upper 6th English group went to see a film of Hamlet in Evesham and parties have been to see Julius Caesar and Henry V at Stratford and King Lear at Ludlow Castle. The fourth year chemistry group went to see an exhibition at a Coventry technical college, while the fifth year chemistry group went to a lecture at Aston University. A party has also been to Rugby to see some French Films, and the Lower Sixth Economics group visited Lewis Springs, Redditch with Mr. Micklethwaite.

The Staff and 6th form Social in December again took the form of a barn dance, and a very enjoyable time was had by most people. Thanks are due to the Upper Sixth girls who provided the excellent, and by then very welcome, refreshments mid-way through the evening.

Finally the Folk singer Pat Shaw gave a concert for the upper school in the hall at the end of the spring term.

SPEECH DAY — March 3rd, 1972

The guest speaker was Miss Janet Wells who was one of the pupils at the school in 1912, and daughter of the first headmaster. She gave an interesting speech on 'the good olde days', and presented the prizes and certificates.

Form and progress prizes

- First Year : Michele Drew, Roger Green, John Crow, David Peters.
- Second Year : Ann Collins, Stephen Cull, Elizabeth Rose, Martin Seys.
- Third Year : Philippa Hallam, Paul Morris, Andrea Sanford, Peter Thirlby.
- Fourth Year : Rosemary Jacques, Kevin Leeson, Wendy Deakin, Alan Kibblewhite.
- Fifth Year : Susan Robertson, Wendy Salmon, Nigel Turner, Mark Atherton, Hazel Dodd.
- Lower Sixth : Susan Bond, Ian Boyle, Colin Hill, Cheryl Turner, Carolyn Jukes, Martyn Whalley.
- Upper Sixth : Peter Heath, Hilary Madge, Celia Reddall, Matthew Smith, Rosalynn Clark, Robert Harz.

Special Prizes

- The Audrey Webley Prize (English) : Jennifer Yates.
- The Ernest Walker Memorial Prize : (Geography) : Nicholas Moule.
- Craft Prize : Nicholas Joyce.
- Art Prize : Gillian Clifford.
- Mason Cup (best 'O' level results) : Wendy Salmon, Nigel Turner.
- Spencer Cup (best 'A' level results) : Peter Heath.
- Services to the school : Bryony Clarke, Jonathan Joyce, Hilary Madge, Celia Reddall, Peter Heath.

Additional subjects gained in G.C.E. Autumn Examination 1971. Ordinary Level :

- Philip Ashton — French, Religious Knowledge, Geography, Mathematics.
- Andrew Briggs — Mathematics.
- Clive Jolliffe — Spanish.
- Ian Mackintosh — Geography.
- Mark Perkins — English Literature, Latin.
- Richard Williams — Spanish.
- Patricia Carroll — History.
- Jean Kennedy — English Literature.

*BOYS' GAMES 1971-72***RUGBY TEAMS, FIXTURES AND RESULTS**

Team Captain : 1st XV John Blount.

Vice Captain : Stephen Furness.

Regular Team Members

1st XV. J. Mayle, A. Baseley, T. Seeney, A. Weatherhead, I. Greig, P. Allcock, S. Furness, J. Blount, D. Freeman, P. Richardson, D. Bennet, D. Fisher, P. Eadon, P. Ashton, J. Hughes, I. Tanner, D. West, C. Hill, A. Briggs, R. Yapp.

| | 1st XV |
|---------------------|---------|
| P.H.G.S. Evesham | W 50—3 |
| Henley in Arden | W 44—0 |
| Bromsgrove H.S. | W 34—0 |
| Four Pools, Evesham | L 28—6 |
| Shipston H.S. | W 31—12 |
| Redditch C.H.S. | L 21—6 |
| K.E.S. Stratford | L 22—6 |
| Henley on Thames | L 6—4 |
| Bromsgrove School | L 50—6 |
| Cheltenham T.H.S. | L 32—15 |
| Bromsgrove H.S. | W 26—0 |
| Hanley Castle | W 22—18 |
| Old Boys | L 22—18 |
| Old Swinford 'A' | L 16—12 |

For the first time an Old Boys XV played the School XV. Unfortunately we lost but it was a very enjoyable game.

Tries for the Old Boys were scored by C. Danks, T. Eagleton, N. Joyce and S. Walker.

This year only one match was played against Henley on Thames G.S. at home, as last year we lost by two points on our home ground.

There was not so much team spirit this year and if next year's team is to succeed they must all practise regularly. The 1st XV had a moderate season winning six and losing eight. Unfortunately after the first three games we were badly hit by injuries and the team varied by two or three players each week. Another point against us was that we had to play as many matches as last year but in only half the time, turning out twice a week was too much for most of us and enthusiasm waned.

The most consistent try scorer was S. Furness scoring in eight of our fourteen matches with eleven tries. There was also some very consistent goal kicking from D. Freeman. Most notable young players were P. Richardson and D. Freeman. Most improved player was D. Fisher.

Thanks must be given to Mr. N. Allen and Mr. M. Smith who refereed several of our games.

1st XI CRICKET REPORT

This year an experiment has been carried out: more junior members have been included in the side. It is too early to draw conclusions from the results yet but I hope there will be an improvement in the results next year. This season we have played five matches, lost three, drew one and won one. There has been an all round improvement but once again it has been the batting that has let us down, the only authoritative batting coming from R. Yapp and J. Hughes. However with juniors such as K. Smith it looks as if the future will be a promising one.

Finally the team would like to give their thanks to Mr. Woodcock for giving up his free time to coach and umpire.

Colours were granted to: J. Mayle, R. Yapp, J. Hughes, I. Phipps.

U.14 XI

After a close match at Bidford the U.14 team went on and seemed only to win whilst fielding a weak side, but this was not to be, the season finished with a good win over Harris H.S., Rugby at full strength.

The fielding was of a continually good standard but the batting and bowling were at times very disappointing and at others extremely good. Two hat tricks came this season from N. Allen and P. Morris, and high scores included N. Allen 63, N. Goodwin 37 and 30 and P. Morris 40. Credit is due to K. Smith who has kept wicket very well this year to at times some very poor bowling.

Results of matches

Bidford H.S. (Away) — Won by 3 runs.
 Greville H.S. (Away) — Won by 19 runs.
 Stratford H.S. (Away) — Lost by 7 runs.
 Shipston H.S. (Away) — Won by 30 runs.
 St. Benedicts (Away) — Lost by 3 wickets.
 Bidford H.S. (Home) — Lost by 3 wickets.
 Harris H.S., Rugby (Away) — Won by 7 runs.

CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES

Senior :

1st. Spencer
 2nd. Wells
 3rd. Newport

Junior :

1st. Newport
 2nd. Spencer
 3rd. Wells

CROSS-COUNTRY

The School Cross-country was run once again on our new course and the Senior race was won by Colin Hill. Chris Hood, a first year member romped home first in the Junior race in a record time of 14 mins. 45 secs. and led his House Spencer, to a convincing win. The overall results were: 1. Spencer 166; 2. Wells 224; 3. Newport 228.

The South Warwickshire Cross-Country was held in Ragley Park in March and once again Chris Hood showed a clean pair of heels to every other runner.

The Junior team finished 2nd with David Peters 3rd. The Intermediates 4th and the Seniors 5th.

ATHLETICS

Once again the South Warwickshire Sports were held on our field. Some 560 athletes took part from 12 schools. For the first time in the school's history the boys swept the board by winning every age group! As a result of these sports 15 boys and 2 girls were selected to represent the area in the County Sports. The most notable performances were by Chris Hood in the Minor



Strain!

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Boys 800m — 5th in 2 mins. 36 secs. and John Blount — 2nd in the Senior Boys 100m.

The outstanding event in the 1972 season — or in fact any season — was John Blount's selection to represent Warwickshire in the All-England Championships at Washington, Co. Durham. This selection was as a result of John becoming Warwickshire Senior Boys 100m champion and crowned a very fine career in school athletics.

In the Championships John was narrowly beaten in the semi-final in a fast time of 10.9 secs. He was however a member of the 4 x 100 metre relay team which won in a time of 42.8 secs. Our congratulations to John for these performances and for putting Alcester on the Athletics map.

Colours awarded to :- John Blount, Chris Charlton, Philip Richardson, Alec Baseley, David Freeman, Philip Ashton and Corinne Clarke.

P.J.H.

GIRLS' HOCKEY 1971-72

Games Secretary : Mary Seeney

Team Captains : 1st XI. Ann Lawrence

U.15 XI. Jackie Spiers

U.14 XI. Sandra Ward

U.13 XI. Susan Elwood

Regular team members :

1st XI: C. Dalton, G. Crowe, W. Fisher, C. Jukes, J. Coffee, R. Jacques, S. Bond, A. Lawrence, R. Baseley, M. Seeney, P. Boyle, P. Tookey.

U.15 XI: S. Latham, A. Payne, F. Pitcher, S. Aldridge, A. Sanford, M. Woodings, J. Spiers, C. Fisher, C. Clarke, S. Pugh, V. Hillman, J. Orr, J. Spiers, C. Jones, P. Hallam.

U.14 XI: J. Deakin, S. Stephens, J. Shaw, M. Clarke, C. Price, K. Orange, J. Worthy, J. Cund, S. Ward, C. Clement, C. Lamb, K. Badland, S. Darling, G. Mann, J. Hands.

U.13 XI: H. Flynn, N. Downes, S. Elwood, S. Pitt, P. Ashton, E. Seymour, F. Hair, M. Drew, E. Wyatt, M. Fallon, C. Miles, C. Duffin.

Full Colours: M. Seeney, S. Bond, W. Fisher.

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

| 1971 | 1st XI | U.15 | U.14 | U.13 |
|------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Evesham | L 9—1 | W 3—2 | W 5—2 | |
| Solihull | L 3—2 | L 3—2 | L 2—1 | |
| Chipping Campden | L 3—0 | D 1—1 | W 4—2 | |
| Stratford | L 3—2 | W 5—0 | | |
| Henley on Thames | L 4—1 | | | |
| Kineton | W 4—3 | W 5—1 | | |
| Shipston | L 3—1 | | L 3—1 | |
| Bromsgrove | | L 3—1 | W 3—1 | |
| Four Pools | W 1—0 | | | L 2—1 |

| 1972 | 1st XI | U.15 | U.14 | U.13 |
|----------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Four Pools | L 4—0 | | | L 4—0 |
| Redditch | W 2—0 | W 2—0 | L 1—0 | |
| Old Students A | L 1—0 | D 0—0 | | |
| Old Students B | L 5—2 | D 0—0 | | |

The 1st XI did not have many victories but the opposition was strong. One must remember that the team was comprised of young players and with more practice and experience better results will probably follow.

The U.15 XI must be congratulated on their results and next year they will probably help towards making a strong 1st XI. The U.14 XI have also had some good results and one must hope this will continue. The U.13 XI played only two matches, but although they lost both they played with great enthusiasm.

House Results

Senior Hockey

Newport lost 2
Spencer won 2
Wells won 1, lost 1

Junior Hockey

Newport lost 2
Spencer won 1, lost 1
Wells won 2

GIRLS' ROUNDERS 1972

| | U.15 IX | U.14 IX | U.13 IX |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Solihull — cancelled | | | |
| P.H.G.S. Evesham — cancelled | | | |
| Bromsgrove C.H. | L 4—7½ | W 2½—1 | |
| Chipping Campden | | | D 9½ |

The rounders teams, like the tennis teams, have not had much opportunity to play this term, partly owing to bad weather. The U.14 IX managed to win, the U.13 IX played well and drew against Chipping Campden but unfortunately the U.15 IX lost. Lets hope the U.14 and U.13 will continue to improve next year.

U.15 IX: S. Latham, J. Spiers, J. Spiers, A. Sandford, J. Cund, A. Payne, S. Ward, C. Clarke, A. Bunsen.

U.14 IX: J. Allum, C. Lamb, C. Clement, K. Badland, E. Seymour, R. Bryan, J. Evans, E. Wyatt, J. Worthy.

U.13 IX: S. Elwood, J. Cuzner, C. Mills, C. Duffin, M. Fallon, S. Pitt, P. Ashton, H. Flynn, B. Pitts.

Rounders — House Results 1972

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|----------|---------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Senior : | Newport Lost 2 | Junior : | Newport lost 1, won 1 |
| | Spencer won 2 | | Spencer lost 2 |
| | Wells won 1, lost 1 | | Wells won 2 |

GIRLS' TENNIS 1972

It has not been a very good term for tennis this year. The summer term is short enough anyway, and unfortunately we have had two matches cancelled and another two abandoned. The first abandoned match was due to bad weather, and in the second one the visiting team had to go home before the match was completed. The results for the teams that did play are as follows :

Bromsgrove C.H. 1st VI abandoned at 4—3 to Bromsgrove.

2nd VI W 5—3

Chipping Campden. 1st VI L 5—4

2nd VI W 6—3

Solihull H.S. 1st VI abandoned 1 set all.

2nd VI abandoned 2—0 to Alcester.

Team Members

1st VI: S. Bond, R. John, R. Woodcock, A. Lawrence, M. Seeney, W. Fisher.

2nd VI: R. Jacques, J. Coffee, R. Baseley, P. Boyle, L. Manley, P. Tookey.

Tennis Colours: Full: R. Woodcock, M. Seeney, W. Fisher, R. Jacques.

Half: J. Coffee, R. Baseley, P. Tookey, L. Manley, P. Boyle.

Girls' Tennis — House Results

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|---------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Senior: | Newport won 2 | Junior; Newport lost 2 |
| | Spencer won 1 lost 1 | Spencer won 1, lost 1 |
| | Wells lost 2 | Wells won 2 |

SPORTS DAY 1972

Sports Day, held at the end of May this year, proved to be very successful as it actually did not rain! The school was very pleased to welcome back Miss H. Hewitt, deputy head of the school last year, who presented the cups and shields at the end of the events.

SENIOR BOYS

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|---------------|--|
| 6th Year 100m | 1. S. Furness (W); 2. C. Charlton (N); 3. I. Greig (S). 12.8 secs. |
| 5th Year 100m | 1. T. Weatherhead (S); 2. P. Allcock (S); 3. A. Baylis (N). 13.1 secs. |
| 200m | 1. P. Ashton (W); 2. A. Kimber (W); 3. C. Charlton (N). 25.3 secs. |
| 400m | 1. M. Howie (W); 2. A. Baylis (N); 3. C. Kibblewhite (N). 1 min. 5 secs. |
| 800m | 1. C. Hill (S); 2. G. Ricketts (S); 3. J. Hughes (W). 2 mins 29 secs. |
| 1500m | 1. C. Hill (S); 2. D. Freeman (W); 3. D. Howie (W). 4 mins. 53 secs. |
| High Jump | 1. P. Dawe (N); 2. C. Kibblewhite (W); 3. J. Mayle (S). 1.44m. |

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| Long Jump | 1. P. Ashton (W); 2. P. Dawe (N); 3. S. Furness (W). 5.2m. |
| Triple Jump | 1. P. Ashton (W); 2. C. Kibblewhite (N); 3. D. Freeman (W). 11.7m. |
| Discus | 1. D. West (W); 2. G. Ricketts (S); 3. T. Oldham (W). 28.9m. |
| Javelin | 1. P. Allcock (S); 2. C. Charlton (N); 3. P. Richardson (S). 34.8m* |
| Shot | 1. D. West (W); 2. D. Fisher (N); 3. T. Weatherhead (S). 11.02m.* |
| Relay | 1. Wells; 2. Spencer; 3. Newport. 51.0 secs. |

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

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|---------------|---|
| 4th Year 100m | 1. R. Greig (S); 2. S. Plummer (N); 3. I. Duffin (N). 13.2 secs. |
| 3rd Year 100m | 1. G. Raspin (S); 2. R. Payne (N); 3. T. Hacker (S). 13.2 secs. |
| 200m | 1. G. Raspin (S); 2. R. Greig (S); 3. S. Plummer (N). 28.2 secs. |
| 400m | 1. C. Woodhouse (S); 2. I. Duffin (N); 3. T. Dance (W). 1 min. 5.3 secs. |
| 800m | 1. P. Best (N); 2. C. Woodhouse (S); 3. N. Allen (N). 2 mins. 36 secs. |
| 1500m | 1. C. Woodhouse (S); 2. P. Best (N); 3. N. Allen (N). 5 mins. 9.8 secs. |
| High Jump | 1. A. Clark (W); 2. J. Kirk (W); 3. P. Strain (N). 1.4m. |
| Long Jump | 1. D. Savage (W); 2. S. Plummer (N); 3. N. Weatherhead 4.59m. |
| Discus | 1. R. Dallaway (N); 2. D. Rose (S); 3. S. Smith (S). 26.81m. |
| Javelin | 1. J. O'Sullivan (W); 2. R. Payne (N); 3. M. White (S). 30.11m. |
| Shot | 1. G. Faulkner (W); 2. S. Smith (S); 3. A. Clarke (W). 10.31m. |
| Triple Jump | 1. P. Best (N); 2. G. Raspin (S); 3. R. Greig (S). 10.55m. |
| Relay | 1. Spencer; 2. Newport; 3. Wells. 55.2 secs. |

JUNIOR BOYS

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| 1st Year 100m | 1. R. Sealey (N); 2. J. Careless (W); 3. C. Hood (S). 14.6 secs. |
| 2nd Year 100m | 1. C. Blizzard (N); 2. B. Williams (S); 3. J. Annis (W). 14.5 secs. |
| 200m | 1. C. Blizzard (N); 2. A. Cotterill (W); 3. D. Berridge (S). 31.8 secs. |
| 400m | 1. A. Cotterill (W); 2. C. Hood (S); 3. R. Sealey (N). 1 min. 12 secs. |
| 800m | 1. C. Hood (S); 2. D. Peters (S); 3. A. Cotterill (N). 2 min. 39 secs. |
| High Jump | 1. C. Jennings (N); 2. D. Berridge (S); 3. K. Farmery (N). 1.26m. |
| Long Jump | 1. D. Peters (S); 2. D. Harrison (W); 3. T. Drew (W). 4.29m. |

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| Discus | 1. D. Roeve's (W); 2. J. Gregory (W); 3. A. Cotterill (N). 22.25m. |
| Javelin | 1. T. Drew (W); 2. I. Grabtree (S); 3. N. Raspin (S). 20.15m. |
| Relay | 1. Newport; 2. Wells; 3. Spencer. |

SENIOR GIRLS

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| 100m | 1. J. Peskett (S); 2. A. Lawrence (N); 3. J. Sawyer (S). 15.43 secs. |
| 200m | 1. S. Burrows (W); 2. J. Coffee (W); 3. M. Seeney (S). 31.8 secs. |
| High Jump | 1. S. Burrows (W); 2. P. Tookey (N); 3. R. Jacques (S). 1.26m. |
| Long Jump | 1. S. Dewis (S); 2. S. Burrows (W); 3. L. Manley (N). 3.99m. |
| Javelin | 1. C. Dalton (N); 2. W. Fisher (N); 3. W. Salmon (W). 17.84m. |
| Discus | 1. M. Seeney (S); 2. S. Bond (W); 3. E. Booker (N). 19.23m. |
| Rounders Ball | 1. M. Seeney (S); 2. L. Manley (N); 3. R. Jacques (S). 44.12m. |
| Relay | 1. Wells; 2. Spencer; 3. Newport. 61.2 secs. |

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

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| 4th Year 100m | 1. C. Clarke (N); 2. J. Spiers (N); 3. C. Jones (S). 14.4 secs. |
| 3rd Year 100m | 1. J. Deakin (W); 2. T. Flanagan (S); 3. C. Clement (W). 14.2 secs.* |
| 200m | 1. J. Deakin (W); 2. C. Clement (W); 3. M. Maw (N). 31.2 secs. |
| High Jump | 1. J. Orr (W); 2. C. Jones (S); 3. J. Deakin (W). 1.32m. |
| Long Jump | 1. J. Orr (W); 2. J. Spiers (N); 3. D. Cobain (S). 4.27m. |
| Javelin | 1. C. Clarke (N); 2. M. Woodings (S); 3. A. Bonson (N). 20.55m. |
| Discus | 1. S. Ward (W); 2. A. Sanford (W); 3. S. Latham (S). 20.26m. |
| Rounders Ball | 1. C. Clarke (N); 2. M. Clarke (W); 3. C. Lamb (S). 67.1m. |
| Relay | 1. Wells; 2. Spencer; 3. Newport. 60.4 secs. |

JUNIOR GIRLS

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| 1st Year 100m | 1. B. Young (W); 2. D. Adams (S); 3. J. Hillman (S). 15.3 secs. |
| 2nd Year 100m | 1. M. Drew (W); 2. S. Pitt (W); 3. F. Hair (N). 15.4 secs. |
| 200m | 1. S. Pitt (W); 2. S. Collins (W); 3. H. Flynn (N). |
| Long Jump | 1. M. Drew (W); 2. B. Young (W); 3. J. Denton (N). 4.01m. |
| High Jump | 1. M. Drew (W); 2. S. Collins (W); 3. E. Wyatt (N). 1.23m. |

Rounders Ball 1. S. Pitt (W); 2. R. Lynam (S); 3. H. Flynn (N).
43.97m.

Relay 1. Wells; 2. Newport; 3. Spencer. 63.2 secs.

* denotes record.

Tug of War: Newport.

Junior Victrix Ludorum — Corinne Clarke.

Victrix Ludorum — Susan Burrows.

Victor Ludorum — Philip Ashton.

Girls' Sports Cup — Wells.

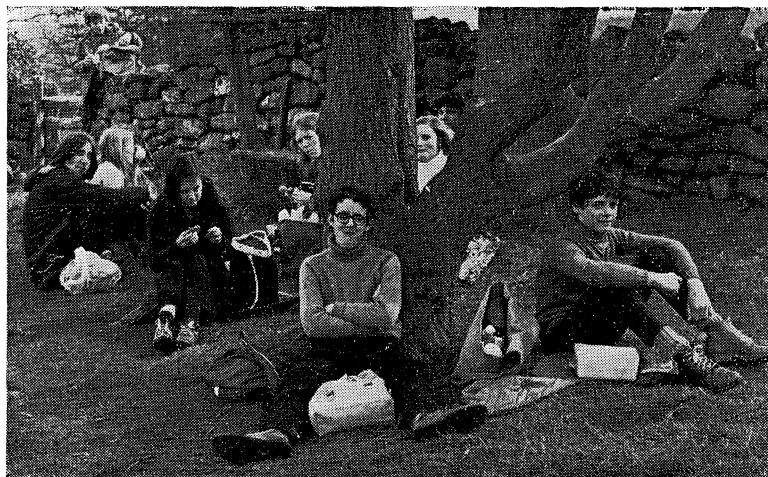
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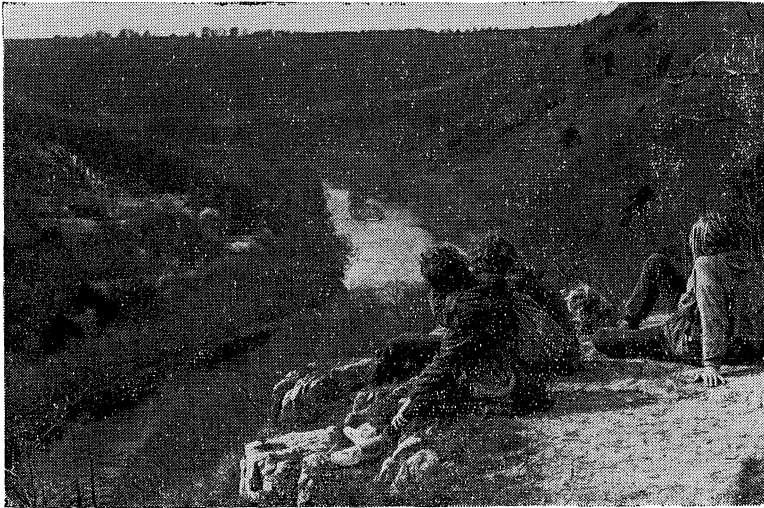
WALKING CLUB 1971—72

The Walking Club year started with an excursion to the Berkshire ridgeway, a track which was a major highway in pre-historic times. It runs along the chalk downs of southern England, from the Thames valley to Salisbury plain, but we only walked the 12 mile section from Bishopstone to Wantage.

Walks in winter have to be short, but are usually improved by a scattering of snow. The Bredon Hill trip on 30th January managed to find some of this year's rare snow. Only 4 miles long, this walk was enjoyed by all concerned. The hill is just south of Evesham, and the organisers were astonished to discover, not only



The Walking Club



Rest after the climb

that no member of the party had previously climbed it, but that many had not even heard of it.

A visit to the Brecon Beacons by a small party in February was attended by the bad weather which we always get on these mountains, but the return visit to the Highmeadow Woods path in the Forest of Dean was very enjoyable, and was recorded for posterity on ciné film.

The Summer term's activities started with a visit to the Radnorshire Hills in May, and a small party was able to attempt to scale Cader Idris in July. Unfortunately an excursion to the Black Mountains had to be cancelled for lack of support. This was a great disappointment to those who were keen to take part, and was the first excursion to be cancelled in five years of Walking Club history.

C.J.J.

WOODWORK AND METALWORK CLUBS

During the last year a number of pupils have attended the Woodwork club held at lunch time on Fridays and the Metalwork club which has been held on Monday lunchtimes; and for an hour and a quarter after school on Tuesdays.

The most regular attenders have been members of the Second year who have made a wide variety of articles.

ART CLUB 1971-2

This year saw the successful re-opening of the Art Club, which, being held during Monday dinner-hours, enabled many pupils to fulfil their interest in Art.

A committee was formed from several members of the sixth form, and, with the help of Miss Simm, arranged a varied programme. We are also grateful to Susan Gladwin, who designed and printed membership cards, sold for a small subscription.

Such topics as Lino-cutting, apple-sculpture, pollyfilla experiments, lettering, wrapping-paper designs, drawing and painting were dealt with. There was also a Christmas Card competition, organized by the Art Club, and open to the whole school. The winning entry was by Jeffrey Careless. The card was put into print, and copies were sold throughout the school.

We hope that the Art Club will be continued in the future, and provide the enjoyment for which it is designed.

Rosemary John and Rosalind Bell.

PAPERBACK BOOK CLUB

Although the demand for books declined slightly in the second half of the year the Club has made an encouraging beginning.

The members of forms 1—3 have bought during the course of the year over 800 books by authors ranging from Emily Brontë to George Best on subjects ranging from Fishing to Greek Mythology. The most popular subject being Horror/Science Fiction which accounted for about 15% of the total books purchased.

At present there is no corresponding club for the Senior School, but it is hoped that one will be formed during the next year or two.

L.G.

SENIOR BADMINTON CLUB

Every Wednesday night a number of the 5th form boys attended Badminton Club under the able supervision of Mr. Micklethwaite. We would like to give our thanks to him and hope that future 5th forms will enjoy the club as much as we have.

D. Freeman,

JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

Throughout the Spring and Summer terms a badminton club was held on Mondays, after school hours. This club was for members of the 3rd forms. It was very successful, and we are grateful to Mr. Micklethwaite for running it. We hope he will continue to do so in the future.

SKIING 1972

Once again a mixed party joined forces with Hanley Castle boys to attack the slopes of an Austrian ski resort. This year our target was Maurach a small village some 20 miles from Innsbruck.

For the first time in four years we were met with an abysmal lack of snow. We were determined to make the most of it however and it didn't seem to make that much difference; our hotel was good and there was plenty of après-ski to keep us from being bored.

There was adequate snow for the beginners and most of them, who survived the early bumps and knocks, reached a fair standard. For the more experienced the runs were unexciting and very little progress was made — you can't ski without snow!

The après-ski activities included bowling, ice-skating and dancing and we were able to spend a day sightseeing and shopping in Innsbruck.

All-in-all the holiday was a success but would have been more satisfying had it snowed.

The party was accompanied by Mr. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Smith from Hanley Castle and Miss Weatherill from Greville High School.

Our next trip is back to Fieberbrunn at Easter 1973.

MARLE HALL

Marle Hall was opened in September 1971 as the Warwickshire centre for Outdoor Education, that is Biology and Geography field studies, Rock climbing, Sailing, Canoeing and Mountaineering. The Hall stands in 30 acres and can accommodate 60 children at one time. There is a laboratory, lecture room, students common room and the children sleep in dormitories.

Two groups have already visited Marle Hall and taken part in general activities courses. 11 boys were in the first party last

November when they spent 9 days Rock-climbing and Mountain walking — it was too cold for canoeing! The second group consisted of 10 boys and 3 girls and on this occasion canoeing and sailing were added to the activities. On this course we were part of the Greville High School party.

The standard of instruction is extremely high and the safety of the children is paramount. Consequently the equipment is of the best. Those who have fallen whilst rock-climbing will vouch for this!

Perhaps the most striking aspect of the courses is the tremendous amount of variety that the area offers. We have been down a lead mine; climbed a 3,000 ft. peak; followed a nature trail; watched timber felling; observed a red squirrel; canoed in Conway harbour; sailed in Llandudno Bay; visited a H.E.P. station; a slate quarry and a woollen mill; and climbed on the Great Orme, as well as making numerous new friends and knowing ourselves a little better.

It is safe to say that everyone who has been has thoroughly enjoyed themselves, despite their sore feet, aching limbs and tired muscles, and gained a great deal from the experience.

A field studies course has been arranged for March 1973.

P.J.H.

COOKERY CLUB

Cookery Club is held every Tuesday night in the winter term. On Tuesday nights in the summer term we have needle work club in which we get on with the articles we have been making in Domestic Science. Mrs. Maund runs both cookery and needlework clubs and all who go on Tuesdays are very grateful to her for giving up her spare time for us.

In Cookery Club you can make whatever you like, sweet or savoury, providing you can get it finished before 5 o'clock.

Anne Evans, Claire Duffin, 2M.

CAROLS TOGETHER

The Madrigal Group and the Folk Group were invited to take part in the "Carols Together" at Greville High School on December 6th. The Madrigal Group sang the Polish carol "In the Manger He Lies" and the "Coventry Carol". The Folk Group sang "The Angel Gabriel" and "Mary's Boy Child". Both groups sang well and a most enjoyable time was had by all owing to the fact that various schools from the area participated in the concert.

Anne Lawrence.

INTER-HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION

The first house drama competition was held at the end of the Christmas term, each play being acted and produced by members of the House and an excellent afternoon's entertainment was the result.

'On Monday Next' by Philip King was Spencer's choice, 'The Passing of the Third Floor Back' by Jerome K. Jerome was performed by Wells and the winners, Newport, gave "When we are Married" by J. B. Priestley.



A few of the cast in "When we are married"

The adjudicator (Mr. David Henschel, Headmaster of Henley Grammar School) thanked all the houses for providing such an entertaining afternoon and after discussing the merits and demerits of each explained how difficult he found it to come to a decision. Newport, he considered, were the winners by a short head over Spencer.

A vote of thanks was proposed afterwards and a book token presented to him to remind him of his visit.

CAROL SERVICE 1971

This took place in the evening, rather than school time. Many carols were sung by the senior and junior choirs without the congregation, the church itself being so full that many people were standing. The Vth form folk group, the Madrigal Group, and choral speakers performed, beautifully. Every form in the school was represented at some time during the service, and passages from the Bible were read by pupils, an old scholar, a parent, and the Headmaster.

The service was rather longer than usual, but rumour has it that it was the best performed and most enjoyable service the Grammar School has had for some years. Mr. Turner's comment the following day that he felt a bit like the fat woman at the end of the Morecombe and Wise Show, who receives the credit but has not contributed at all, seemed to be a very popular way of thanking the school for all the hard work they had done to make the service so memorable. The collection which amounted to £41.50 was sent to the Church of England Children's Society.

THE U.VI ART TRIP

The U.VI Art group visited London in November, 1971, accompanied by Miss Simm. The purpose of this trip was to visit various museums and art galleries. The first stop was at the National Gallery where we studied paintings of the Italian Renaissance and in particular Leonardo da Vinci's Cartoon which to most people was surprising because we found it much bigger than expected and nearly a monochrome. The ghoulish St. Anne seemed even more spectral in the closed atmosphere and subdued lighting of the private room. From here we went to the Victoria and Albert Museum where we studied the small wax Michelangelo statue, the Raphael Cartoons, and went to the plaster cast room. At the latter the whole group was astounded at the size of the Michelangelo David and the way that it dominated the whole of the large room. We also visited the Cecil Beaton fashion exhibition at the Victoria and Albert which in my opinion highlighted the superiority of the modern designers.

In the evening, after resting a short time at the hotel in Kensington, we went to a Concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. The concert was of Elgar's Violin concerto, Mozart's piano concerto and Beethoven's fifth. The first of these produced some beautiful string playing, and Beethoven's Fifth although so popular was played in a way that reminded us that it is probably the most exciting single piece of classical music ever created.

On the Saturday Morning a short, enjoyable period was spent shopping in Kensington High Street. Later we went to Burlington House to see the Michelangelo Tondo, the only marble sculpture of his in England. To see this one has to undergo a ceremony similar to the entry into the deepest, most secure prison in existence and on arrival it is not so impressive although it was an unusual sensation to be allowed to touch the chisel marks of the great man himself. Afterwards we visited some Bond Street galleries.

In the afternoon, a bus was taken to the Banqueting Hall in Whitehall to see the huge impressive Rubens ceiling and later we went to the Tate Gallery. These paintings here were particularly enjoyable as a contrast to the early works of Art already seen, most noticeable of which was the Graham Sutherland which strikes one on entry. Both the colour and the subject, thorn heads, are different from the sixteenth century art. Very tired, and with all critical appreciation gone, we caught the train back to Evesham on the Saturday night.

Our thanks go to Miss Simm for her patience on a most enjoyable and worthwhile trip.

Teresa Gay, U.6M.

THE PLAY

The School Play this year was "The Merry Wives of Windsor", by William Shakespeare. This was an ambitious production involving singing and dancing, which was much appreciated by large audiences. The standard of acting was high, considering the extremely young cast.

The "merry wives" were played by Caroline Jones and Angela Bonsen. Caroline Jones' portrayal of Mistress Page was particularly good, every word being clearly pronounced and audible. Sally Green, made-up perfectly, played the part of Mistress Quickly, an interfering busy-body, very enthusiastically and in a very convincing manner.

The main character of the play was, of course, Falstaff, played by Stephen Hands. He showed us some very good acting, but unfortunately not every word was able to be heard.

Simon Rutherford took another of the main parts, that of Caius. This was a remarkably good portrayal of a Frenchman, accompanied by some typically French gesticulations.



Telepathy?

The hostess of the Inn was performed by Janet Hands, who, although she spoke in a very loud voice, tended to speak too quickly.

Credit must be given to Andrew Hughes' portrayal of Shallow, for his fine acting and facial expression.

The supporting roles were also excellently performed by Philip Ashton as Slender, who was a little simple; by Andrew Clark as Sir Hugh Evans, whose accent, however, was slightly unconvincing at times; by John Hughes as Page, David Savage as Bardolph, David West as Nym, Andrew Kimber as Pistol, Kim Badland as Ann Page and by John Wibberley as Ford. Lesley Stiles also managed to become "simple". Other smaller parts were taken by Robin Jones, Jacqueline Shaw, Julian Saunders and Simon Plummer.

The ballet dancing added to the success of the play, and credit must go to Ruth Taylor and Lynda Hawker who arranged the choreography. The dancers included: Ruth Taylor, Claire Duffin, Jane Dalley, Christine Catherall, Marie Fallon, Nicola Downes, Ann Evans, Stephanie Pitt, D. Horton, T. Dance, J. Saunders.

Much backstage work also took place for the play. The scenery was designed by Mrs. Dowell and painted by the VI form

Art group and second formers. This was very effective under the lighting, manipulated by Mr. Sawyer, D. Fisher and S. Rewse.

The music for the play was composed, arranged and played by Mrs. Hughes and Jeremy Mayle and sung by the Madrigal group.

The Woodwork was executed by Mr. Maund, Ian Phipps, Christopher Charlton.

A notable feature of the play was the little need for prompting.

This play was very entertaining, especially the second half in which some very comic scenes made the audience roar with laughter, and the many ingenious scene changes by Christopher Charlton, Ian Tanner, Howard Hodgkins and Peter Thirlby ensured smooth running.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Price for producing the play. She is leaving this year and we all wish her the very best of luck in the future. Also thanks to Mr. Green, who was in charge of the Box Office, and ensured full houses on all three nights.



The cast of "The Merry Wives of Windsor"

S. Bond and S. Robertson.

THE CONCERT

Again this year a summer concert was held, open to the public on two successive nights. The very varied programme included a "pop" adaptation of "Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo", with choral speaking by IV.M girls and accompanied by several instruments. Other features of this most enjoyable entertainment were a piano solo by Robert Greig, a sonata for a flute by Anne Collins, the recorder group, and III.M boys with "The Shooting of Dan Magrew". Philip Ashton and Sally Green each recited a poem. Andrew Hughes and Richard Payne also read a humorous poem called "The Hippocrump". Four boys of the fourth form presented two poems written by pupils of the school. The second was sung to the tune of King Wenceslas. The orchestra, Madrigal, folk and pop groups contributed greatly. The orchestra played "Summertime" and the Madrigal group sang "I can't sit down", from the Porgy and Bess selection. The Madrigal group also sang "Turtle Dove" and two other pieces. The Folk Group's medley included "The Skye Boat Song". The ever-popular pop group then gave us a few numbers.

Everybody was very sorry to hear that Mrs. Hughes was leaving after all her hard work in the past, and on the final evening she was presented with a watch from the choir and a pair of candlesticks from the Madrigal Group. We all wish her the very best of luck in the future.

Susan Bond, U.6S.

BARNARDO HELPERS' LEAGUE

This has been my first year as Secretary of the Alcester Grammar School branch and I should like to thank all those, both members and non-members, who have helped us reach the record total of £149.21½.

My predecessor, Miss Hewitt, had the rewarding pleasure of seeing the annual sum collected in the school rise from £13 in 1948 until it reached an average of £80. The School has raised a total of nearly £1,800 over the past twenty-one years and I hope I shall continue to see the school helping such a deserving cause as Dr. Barnardo's in the coming years.

Our total this year has resulted from the efforts of Form I with their Christmas Tree collection, a group of fourth formers who went carol singing, the annual box opening and III.M who had the splendid idea of starting a sponsored knit which was helped by other members of the School. I am very grateful to Mrs.

Ince for all the work she put into overseeing the knit and all the helpers who made five blankets out of all the squares which were produced.

This year Short Service badges went to Sheryl Aldridge, Anne Gayfer, Philippa Hallam, Pauline Hulme and Mary McGuire. Geraldine Jolliffe and Carolyn Jukes qualified for Founder's Service awards.

My thanks go to all those who have helped to make 1971-2 a record year.

K.G.M.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

At the Inaugural Meeting of the Association held on the 20th October, approval was given to the constitution drawn up by a steering committee. The following officers were elected: Mr. J. W. R. Turner (Chairman), Mr. P. Aldridge (Vice-Chairman), Mr. F. Clark (Secretary) and Mr. P. Drew (Treasurer) together with thirteen committee members.

Events during the year have included a most enjoyable Barn Dance, a film and discussion on school uniform, lectures on "Drug Abuse" and "Tracing Your Family Tree", a Concert of Mime given by the Stratford Concert Orchestra, a Beetle Drive and recently a Car Treasure Hunt ending at the Malverns for tea.

The Spring Fayre, opened by Mrs. E. M. Rutter, was undoubtedly the most successful financial venture which together with the raffle added £650 to the association's funds.

All parents of pupils at the school are automatically members of the association and it is hoped that enthusiastic support will be forthcoming for the varied activities planned for next year.

E.S.

OPEN DAY 1972

On July 19th, 1972, the school opened its doors to parents and friends on its second Open Day. There were many exhibitions and displays, each department being represented individually.

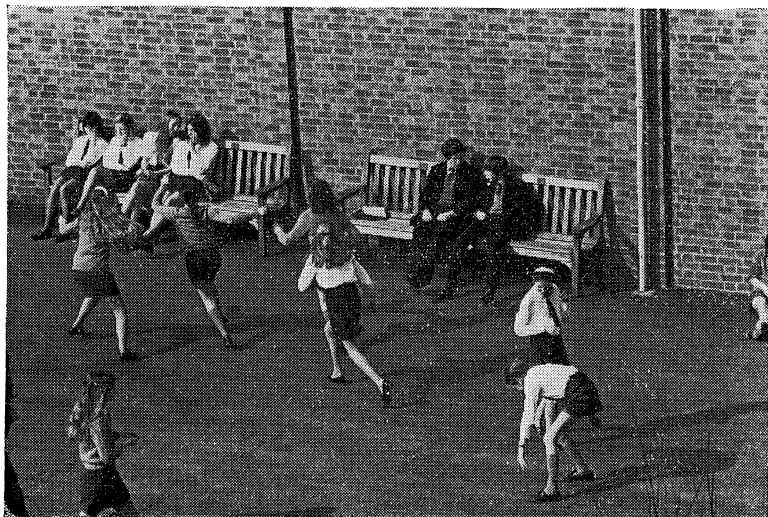
Throughout the afternoon, the Hall became a Drama Centre, with excerpts from 'Oliver', 'The Taming of the Shrew' and also artistic improvisation. The modern Language department was represented strongly by exhibitions of German culture, French Studies, and also the "Café du Lycée" where the "vin ordinaire"

was unfortunately only lemon juice! Mysterious footprints led to the Mathematics exhibition, which showed, by means of graphs, the distribution of population of the school. There were also exhibitions of Classical Studies, History, English, Outdoor Pursuits, and Technical Drawing, where the fascinating perspex models immediately caught one's eye. The metalwork room had also been taken over by a group of boys building glass-fibre canoes. The Geography room, science laboratories, Domestic Science and Art rooms each had their own display, which was very impressive. There were films illustrating the Walking Club and Skiing activities, and also there were displays of tennis and rounders throughout the afternoon. The County careers Officers (Miss Roberts-Powell and Mr. Haines) were available to give any advice to both parents and pupils.

Once again, the Inter-House Arts and Crafts display attracted large crowds. Newport won the Arts and Craft Shield this year, and the individual cups were awarded to Rosemary John and Graham Ricketts.

The school was decorated throughout with magnificent brass rubbings, which captured the attention of many visitors. Tea and soft drinks were served during the proceedings, and the afternoon proved to be a complete success.

Rosemary John.



Break Time

OLLA PODRIDA

Overheard on a trip to Marle Hall: "We abscessed down the mountain." (Into a crevasse perhaps?)

Golfer: "I'm not playing the game I used to."

Caddy: "What game was that, Sir?"

Seen in a shop window, "Push chairs for sale for babies with iron bottoms."

Heard during an English Study lesson, "It's a little bit more heavier!"
(J.M. L.VI.M.)

Contrary to popular opinion there are only two classes on a train — W.C. does not stand for Working Class.

Philosophy :- Truth is stranger than friction.

Fact :- If every person in the world put their big toes into the ocean at the same time, the sea-level would rise by two feet!

FORM 1 AND TUT

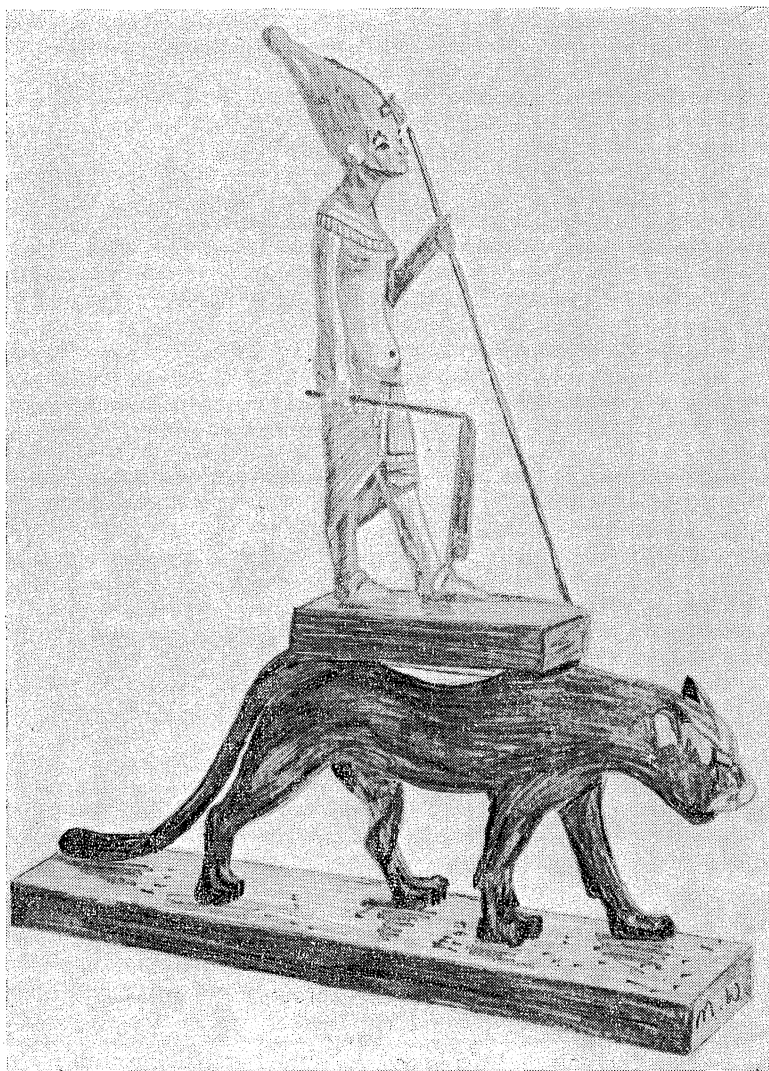
There is a long, long queue in London. It is compiled of many people of very different lives. An old woman, perhaps, a crowd of loud-voiced Americans sucking sticky sweets. Even the Queen has been to see the attraction which encourages people to stand for hours on end, waiting. Waiting for what — The Treasures of Tutankhamun.
S.A.

The tomb of Tutankhamun was found by two Europeans in 1922. Lord Carnarvon provided the money and Mr. Carter provided the archaeological knowledge.
A.C.

The tomb was in the Valley of the Kings. The tomb included three other rooms besides the one in which the body lay. In these were statutes, beds, chairs, chests, boxes, jewellery, wine and food.
T.H.

The mummy was enclosed in a gold coffin and the face of the mummy was covered with a golden mask.
V.P.

Tutankhamun was, as you all know, the boy king of ancient Egypt. He succeeded to the throne when he was about nine years old and he reigned for nine years (1361-1352 B.C.) He married the oldest eligible princess, Ankhesenamun — named in honour of the Sun-god.
K.B.



Before he became King of Egypt, Tutankhamun was called Tutankhaten. His names was changed to Tutankhamun because Egypt worshipped Amun, the Sun-god. J.R.

We set off early one morning to see the treasures. Even though we had booked we still had to queue because a lot of Americans had come. We could see the public waiting on the opposite side until three o'clock when they could go in. The queuing was terrible . . . C.F.

All the time that we waited in that seeming never-ending queue the sun beat down upon us. Just as we entered the main entrance doors, however, it began to pour with rain. C.B.

The exhibit that impressed me most was the finely embroidered bed with the bedstead of royal cows' heads. C.C.

The treasure that I liked most was the statue of the boy king standing on the back of a black leopard. In his hand he was holding a spear made of gilded wood like the rest of his body. A.C.

One of the statues was of the king riding a black panther, another of him harpooning. Both were covered with gold. Postage stamps with a picture of the king with his harpoon have been produced. J.R.

Amongst the treasure I found the golden shrine most enjoyable. The domestic scenes give one the impression that Tutankhamun was a very human person, enjoying outdoor life in much the same way as we do now. S.A.

As we came to the end of the exhibition something caught my eye. It was the gleaming gold mask that Tutankhamun had worn on his head for 3,000 years. This was the real attraction of the crowds pouring in. It is made of beaten gold and is inlaid with lapis lazuli. On the top of the mask are a serpent and a vulture's head. The mask is priceless and will remain so for ever. D.A.

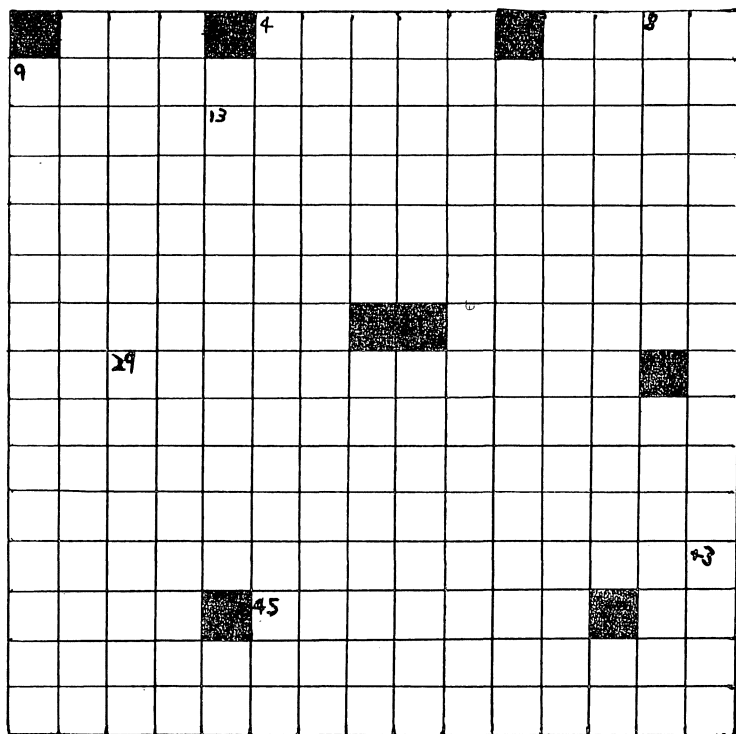
The best part of the Tutankhamun trip was on the way back when —'s Cydrax spilt out of the bottle it was in. N.C.

After we had been to see the exhibits we went to buy some postcards. The scene was like a swarm of bees round their hive. I am only small and I was pushed around and my feet trodden on so many times that I lost count. C.C.

The Pharaoh of 1972 is not the only Tutankhamun this year. Mrs. Ince has named her new kitten after the Egyptian in honour of the event. But, as it would cause quite a stir in the neighbourhood if a voice was heard calling, "Tutankhamun, Tutankhamun," the kitten's name has been reduced to a mere "ankh". S.A.



Illustrated by Mary Woodings.



This is a skeleton crossword. As it is symmetrical both down and across, other blanks can be filled in immediately. Some numbers have been shown as a useful guide.

Clues Across

1. State of equality (3); 4. Belonging to a city (5); 6. What 37 down do (3); 9. Educates (6); 10. Relations (6); 12. Automobile Association (ab) (2); 13. A little sprite (5); 16. See 12 across (2); 17. Close, compact (3); 18. Human beings (3); 19. A saprophytic fungi used in fermentation (5); 22. A pronoun of the 3rd person (2); 23. Occasionally (9); 24. Backward Service for seamen (2); 26. The cause of Cleopatra's death (3); 28. A section of 'The Observer' (3); 29. Entanglement (11); 30. To consume (3); 32. Where 24 across goes forward (3); 34. The largest Christian religious group in the world (ab) (2); 35. Where one may 30 across (9); 38. Two consecutive letters of the alphabet (2); 39. An ugly Scandinavian fellow, the equivalent of pixies (3); 40. The rival

river to the Isis (3); 42. A hoard or quantity gathered (5); 44. Helium (ab) (2); 45. Surprisingly enough, a jester does this (5); 47. His decision is final (ab) (2); 48. To flee, evade (6); 50. Female fairy-tale giantess (6); 52. Royal Mail Ship (reversed ab); 53. A trier does this (5); 54. Fellow of the Royal Society (ab).

Clues Down

1. Commendations (7); 2. Associate of Arts (ab); 3. Corrects (6); 4. To put to some purpose (3); 5. A female devoted to celibacy and seclusion (3); 6. Liberty to come to (6); 7. Company leader (ab) (2); 8. Combing or carding (7); 9. Fit for — (3); 11. Past tense of 'to sit' (3); 14. Everybody has two of them (4); 15. A preposition denoting situation (2); 20. To enlarge (7); 21. Hard hitter (7); 22. One who dislikes intensely (5); 25. An inhabitant of Julius Caesar's city (5); 27. A hole (3); 28. NNN (3); 31. Female singular of 37 down (7); 33. Queen Victoria was this of India (7); 35. A basement of a house (6); 36. Usually taken in afternoon (4); 37. People who act (6); 39. The definite article (3); 40. Civil Engineer (ab); 41. A mountain (ab); 43. English Dialect Society (ab); 45. A very compact, black mineral used for ornaments (3); 46. The distress signal; 49. Common meter (ab); 51. One of the most common non-words in the English language, used when hesitating (2).

by Catherine Evans, 5.M.

PRIZE WINNERS

The Headmaster presented book tokens for the best magazine contributions to the following :-

Forms 5 and 4 : James Brookes, IVS.

Forms 3 and 2 : Ann Collins, IIL.

Form 1. David Harrison, IS.

We thank Mrs. Allport for kindly judging the contributions.

GOOD KING WENCESLAS

*Good King Wenceslas came back,
To the earth this season;
Saw five million lacking food;
Asked what was the reason.
"Do not worry, he was told,
If there's some starvation.
It's our way of holding down
Over-population."*

*Good King Wenceslas then went
 To a field of battle;
 Saw ten thousand people there
 Being killed like cattle.
 "War is helpful," he was told,
 From the field of rubble.
 "We have found that army life
 Keeps boys out of trouble."*

*Good King Wenceslas turned off
 From the whole routine here;
 Went back up to Heaven's Gates;
 Told God what he'd seen here.
 "Earth is such an awful place,
 Only fit for slumming.
 If you're smart, you'll drop all plans
 For Jesus' second coming."*

James Brookes, 4S.

THE CONCERT

*Nervously sitting there,
 Waiting for my cue,
 My friends all looking at me,
 Thinking 'Poor You'.
 I was shaking all over
 And had cramp in my hand,
 Waiting for my cue —
 After the band.
 The band stopped playing;
 The announcer then arose.
 I walked across the stage,
 Wanting to blow my nose.
 The piano was strange,
 With keys far apart,
 And I couldn't find the pedal
 When I wanted to start.
 I tried to turn the page
 And played a wrong chord,
 But nobody noticed,
 As they waited to applaud.
 At last it was over;
 I had finished and was glad.
 I bowed to the audience
 And felt rather sad.*

*My head still reeling,
I walked across the floor
To watch the next performer
Those agonies endure.*

Ann Collins, 3L.

MORNING SOUNDS

I wake up on a sunny spring morning to hear the crow calling, the pigeon cooing, and the chicks chirping.

I hear the crunch of the paperboy's feet as they tread on the gravel path. I hear the squeaking of his bike as he rides off down the road.

I suddenly hear the drumming of the water as it is beating into the kettle. I listen to the dripping of the tap and the pitter-patter of my little sister's feet as she runs down the stairs.

Then I hear the cars and lorries as they swish past and the noises from the kitchen: the hissing and sizzling of the bacon, the bubbling of the kettle as it reaches its boiling point, the glug-glug of the milk as it is poured from the bottle and the chinking of the cutlery as the table is being laid and breakfast gets underway.

David Harrison, 1S.

SPRING CALL

*Have you ever seen the blackbird,
Or listened to his song?
He starts first thing each morning,
And sings the whole day long.*

*Have you ever heard the thrush,
As he sings so merrily?
He sits in tree or hedgerow,
Serenading you and me.*

*There's the little yellow hammer,
But his song has not much tune.
If you go along the hedgerow,
You may hear the robin soon.*

*Then as you cross the meadow,
The lark will upwards fly,
Singing his springtime message,
As he flies into the sky.*

*There are so many other birds;
I cannot name them all,
But they have the same mesage :
The Happy Springtime Call.*

Jeremy John Handy, IS.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

*Walking down the 'igh Street,
Nothing much to do.
Kick a stone against a wall,
Oh 'elp, I've scraped me shoe!
Mum said she'd be back at two
And now it's 'alf past four.
'Ad no tea at all t'day.
Me knee it 'en' 'alf sore;
Tripped over the cat, I did.
Silly place to sit.
Needn't yowl, didn't 'urt;
It nearly 'ad a fit.
Oh 'ello Mum,
You're back I see.
Got 'anyfing' in the bag for me?*

Sylvia Ashton, IM

OUR CAR

*It's not the latest model,
With streamlined gleaming shape,
Of up-to-date upholstery
And colours gold or grape.

It's not a vintage model,
All polished, paint and brass,
A cherished status symbol,
To worship behind glass.

We have a working model,
With scratched chassis, rusted end,
It stops and starts and chugs along,
Our six-year banger friend.*

Kevin Smith, 2M.

HONEY

*Honey is sweet gathered up by a bee,
Eaten by many but not by me,
For the Honey I love is as brown as a log,
For this is the name I gave to my dog.*

*We often go out for long walks in the park,
But only in daylight and not in the dark,
And as she's a dachhund, a sausagey pet,
She doesn't like rain 'cause it makes her tum wet!*

*She sleeps in a basket, all cosy and warm,
Wrapped up in a blanket to keep her from harm.
But she's like the honey gathered up by a bee,
And she'll always bring joy to by brothers and me.*

Joy Peace, 2S.

NONSENSE POEM

*When I was young, aged 72,
I had a young son and his name was Sue.
He went out every day, never leaving the house,
He was five feet tall, just the size of a mouse.
One day while indoors, went a trip on a train;
It was ever so nice 'cos it poured down with rain.
At the end of the trip with the time ten at night
The sun was out and was shining bright.
The stars shone around and the sky was light blue,
As I walked in the car with my son called Sue.
On returning back home I saw on a hill
An invisible man with a boy standing still.
They were walking downhill on a steep upward slope;
They could see where they went and fell over a rope.
My son arrived home at a quarter to four;
He went round the back to get through the front door.
Then went down to the cellar and climbed up to bed.
He was still full of life; looked as if he was dead.
And when fast asleep ate a whole plate of stew,
To finish the tale of my son called Sue.*

Terry Dance, 3M.

AN ATOM'S EYE-VIEW

I am a sulphur atom, myself and seven other companions live in a jar of powdered sulphur in the chemistry laboratory. My seven friends and I are joined together to make a ring of eight sulphur atoms.

One day, not very unlike any other day, we were sitting on the bottom of the jar with some other sulphur atoms when, all of a sudden the daylight disappeared (it was in fact a large hand covering the jar but I did not realise this until much later). We were lifted off our shelf and placed on a bench. I was full of excitement and pride when I thought that our jar had been picked, out of all the jars on the shelf, to do the experiment. A spatula was plunged into the jar and I felt myself being lifted up and put into a test tube. The tube was put over a flame and I felt myself becoming hotter and hotter, so hot in fact that we all became restless and we started to move, in our groups of eight. If at this stage (in our liquid form) we had been cooled we would have grouped ourselves to make monoclinic (or prismatic crystals) and, although still in our groups of eight, we would have found ourselves with different atoms. As it was we were heated even more, so much so that I broke away from my seven companions. (This was a sad loss, as they had been very good, friendly atoms.) Unfortunately because of the intense heat I became a darker brown in colour (colour change gives you a queer feeling). The test tube was tipped upside down and I and the others went tumbling into cold water. As soon as we hit the water we formed ourselves into a long chain. Someone tried to pull the chain apart; we stretched as much as possible so as not to let go, but that someone was too strong and I had to release my fellow companion. We were then put on a piece of paper and left for several hours; slowly we turned back to our original yellow colour.

I and my companions were then scooped up and put back into the jar which was pushed to the back of the shelf. I wonder when we shall next be called upon for our assistance in an experiment. I hope it is soon because it is rather boring staying in a jar all day doing nothing.

Kathryn Orange, 3S.

SUNSET

*Sky is clear; Night is near;
Sun is doing down;
Birds retired; Sea is fired
By Solar's spreading crown.
Trees so still, as Whippoor-will
Flies softly overhead;
Flowers close; all repose
With Twilight's stealthy tread.*

Alison Pitt, 4M.

HILARY THE HIPPO

*Hilary the hippo decided one day
She wanted to join the Royal Ballet.
So round to the dance school she made her way,
To see what the teacher there had to say.
"Oh my," said the teacher, regarding her size,
"If you make a dancer 'twill be a surprise."
But she bought some shocking-pink tights and then
A vivid green tu-tu, size hundred and ten.
What a sight to behold as our Hilary with glee
Pirouetted around for the teacher to see.
But, as she jumped from one toe to another
There came a loud noise, unlike any other:
A crash, then a thud and a grunt from below,
Hilary was too heavy; the floor had to go.
Well, we can't all be dancers; I'm sure you'll agree.
As for Hilary she married and had children three.
And when any are sleepy and quiet as a mouse
She tells of the day she brought down the house.*

Sheryl Aldridge, 4M.

OUR WORLD

*I was thinking the other day
About why we should live this way:
In smoke and smut and deadly things,
Atomic war of which a pop star sings.

The sea, which a paradise should be,
Is full of oil, and constantly
Polluted right up to the brim.
Oh, the earth's population must be very dim.

The birds are killed and the fish are drowned;
Dead are the creatures on the ground;
The trees wither and the people dither
As pollution and poison come closely nearer.

"Well done," said the scientist, as the atom bomb
was made.
It wasn't the pilot's fault; he only obeyed.
"Whose fault was it?" you might well ask.
"Ours", say I, "and it won't be the last."*

Michael Zuliani, 4S.



The Ape House

BRASS-RUBBING

As a hobby for the interest section of the 'Duke of Edinburgh's Award' I have taken up brass-rubbing.

There are more brasses in England than on the whole of the Continent, as most of the French brasses were destroyed during the second world war. The early brasses are the most beautifully engraved and have the most intricate designs, and they are usually life-size. Throughout the ages the brasses became much smaller in size and deteriorated greatly, and so the later brasses are not as interesting to rub.

The material used in the manufacture of these brasses was not actually brass but latten, which is an alloy containing copper,

zinc and a small amount of lead. A burin was used for engraving and could carve very deep or quite thin lines. These lines were sometimes filled with coloured waxes and enamels but these no longer remain.

Brasses are found on the top of tombs, on the floor and on the walls of churches. It is often impossible to rub brasses because of their position, and difficulty in rubbing often arises because parts of the brasses have been lost or stolen.

The materials used in rubbing a brass are 'detail' paper and a black shoemaker's wax called heelball. Coloured paper and coloured waxes can be obtained but these are more expensive.

This is an extremely expensive hobby as a roll of brass-rubbing paper costs at least 50p. Heelball is not expensive but coloured wax for brass-rubbing, such as gold, silver and bronze, costs 35p a stick. Also a charge of between 50p and 100p is made for rubbing each brass. This is to try to discourage too many people from rubbing brasses, which are gradually worn away in the process.

Philippa Hallam, 4S.

UNITED IRELAND!

*You go to church;
You pray for happiness and peace.
So you say you're good and religious.
Then, quietly you go home and polish
Your guns till they gleam.*

*You hypocrites!
You're fighting, but for what?
Religion?
No, that was your cause,
But not now.*

*You say you're striving for peace —
You fools, you're fighting for peace!
You're murdering, slaughtering and
Torturing for peace.
The gutters are becoming rivulets of blood
— The blood of your brothers.*

*And yet, still you say you're religious,
That your cause is strong.
I tell you, no cause is worth the life you've just taken.*

*That boy you shot
— That, was my son.*

Jane Sreeves, 5M.

I AM . . .

*I am the poet
The one that knows all things
Like spring and winter,
The beginning and the end.
I have seen the sun rising
Bringing life.*

*I am the dreamer
The one who lives in a world
Of gossamer and sweet-scented flowers
Of life, love and happiness,
And of death.*

*I am the bard
Lover and singer of songs,
Past, present and future.
I am the bard, the one who sees,
Who has seen, and will see
All things — forever.
I am . . .*

Jeanne Peskett, 5M.

NEIGHBOURS

*" 'Morning Mrs. Brown,
And how are you today?
Your back's been playing up again
I heard your old man say.*

*"Is there anything we can do for you,
Like shopping in the town?
You'll probably need some groceries;
I'll send our Mary down.*

*"This weather's cold you must agree;
I think we'll have some snow,
And I do so hate the mess it makes;
It makes one feel so low.*

*"Anyway, I must fly now,
But don't forget to call.
If you need any shopping done
Just knock the kitchen wall."*

*It's good to hear the neighbours chat
And help each other out.
If all of us remember this
Much would improve no doubt.*

Helen Moule, 5S.

PUSSY-WILLOWING

This year VS girls were fortunate enough to have the honour bestowed upon them of going Pussy-Willowing in readiness for Speech Day. Clothed in the correct attire, which no ardent Pussy-Willower should be without, they set off to conquer the unknown. No fence was too high, or mud too deep to sway this dedicated little band from their sworn task of Pussy-Willow hunting. They braved primitive bridges, raging torrents, man-eating jungles and immense swamps to return, victorious, with golden Pussy-Willow.

Let us set up these girls as an example to future generations of Pussy-Willowers who may be deterred by the dangerous living involved, and I am sure that no one will disagree when I say, "Let us now applaud the immense achievements of — Pussy-Willowers of the Century!"

Hilary Chapman, 5S.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

Across :- 1. Par; 4. Urban; 6. Act; 9. Trains; 10. Uncles; 12. A.A.; 13. Elfin; 16. AA; 17. Tight; 18. Men; 19. Yeast; 22. He; 23. Sometimes; 24. N.R.; 26. Asp; 28. Ego; 29. Implication; 30. Eat; 32. Sea; 34. R.C.; 35. Cafeteria; 38. M.N.; 39. Troll; 40. Cam; 42. Store; 44 He; 45. Jests 47 Ed; 48. Escape; 50. Ogress; 52. SMR; 63. Tries; 54. SRS.

Down : 1. Praises; 2. AA; 3. Rights; 4. Use; 5. Nun; 6. Access; 7. CL; 8. Teasing; 9. Tat; 11. Sat; 14. Feet; 15. In; 20. Amplify; 21. Smitters; 22. Hater; 25. Roman; 27. Pit; 28. Ens; 31. Actress; 33. Empress; 35. Cellar; 36. Teas; 37. Actors; 39. The; 40. CE; 41. Mt; 43. EDS; 45. Jet; 46. SOS; 49. CM; 51. Er.

MR. W. THORNTON, M.Sc.

It is with deep regret that we report the death on June 21st 1972, after a long illness, of Mr. William Thornton who was a master at this school for twenty-one years.

Mr. Thornton was born in 1904 at Maidstone, Kent, where he received his early education and won an open scholarship to Sheffield University. There he studied for his science degree and afterwards obtained a diploma in education. He was Senior Mathematics Master at Tettenhall College, Wolverhampton, and then a master at the North Manchester Grammar School before being appointed Senior Science Master at Alcester Grammar in 1942.

Apart from teaching Chemistry, Mr. Thornton was second-in-command of the School Cadet Force until the end of the war, took charge of boys' games and ably organised Sports Day from 1942 to 1952, acting later as starter and recorder at this event. He himself enjoyed playing tennis, especially in the annual staff versus sixth form matches. During periods of "General Activities" he supervised, at various times, the Chess, Photographic and Sketching Clubs with equal enthusiasm and he also supported the school plays by taking charge of the box-office on several occasions. During his last four years at school, Mr. Thornton held the position of Senior Master before his illness forced him into premature retirement. For many years he was school correspondent of the Assistant Masters' Association.

In the town of Alcester he served on the Parochial Church Council of St. Nicholas from 1952 to 1965 and held the posts of Treasurer and Churchwarden. Our sympathy goes to his widow and his sons, Anthony and David, both of whom are Old Scholars of Alcester G.S.

OXFORD G.C.E. EXAMINATIONS 1972

Advanced Level :

* indicates grade A.

Ian Boyle—Mathematics*, Physics*, Further Mathematics.

Simon Burlton—English, History, Geography.

David Fisher—Mathematics, Physics.

Stephen Furness—History, Mathematics.

Ian Greig—Geography.

Steven Mills—Mathematics, Physics.

Stephen Rowse—Chemistry, Biology.

John Blount—Metalwork.

Robin Clarke—Mathematics, Physics.

Colin Hill—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

Malcolm Howie—Geography, Art.

Clive Kibblewhite—Chemistry.

Martyn Whalley—Mathematics*, Physics, Further Mathematics.

Richard Williams—French.

Rosalind Bell—English, Art.

Susan Bond—English, French, Spanish.

Elaine Booker—English, History.

Margaret Cund—Art.

Susan Gladwin—English, French.

Lynda Hawker — English.

Rosemary John—English, French, Spanish.

Geraldine Jolliffe—Chemistry, Biology.

Carolyn Jukes—English.

Janet Mills—History.

Beverley Powell—History.

Bridget Carter—English, Geography, Art.

Elizabeth Cox—Art.
 Teresa Gay—English, Art.
 Sara Hopkinson—English, Home Economics.
 Anne Lawrence—English, History.
 Cheryl Turner—French, Mathematics.
 Roslynn Weaver—English, French, Spanish.
 Rosemary Woodcock—French*, Spanish, Art.

Ordinary Level :

e—English Language, el—English Literature, f—French, h—History, g—geography, m—mathematics, p—physics, c—chemistry, b—biology, hb—human biology, ck—cookery, ed—engineering drawing, rk—religious knowledge, met—metalwork, a—art, mus—music, s—spanish, nw—needlework, am—additional maths, pol—Polish.

* denotes that the highest grade of pass was obtained.

Fifth forms

Ian Aldridge—e*, el, f, h, m*, p*, c, ed.
 Alec Baseley—e, el, h, g, m, a*.
 David Burston—e, el, m, p, c, b.
 Philip Richardson—e, el, h, g, m, p, c.
 Thomas Seeney—rk, e, el, h, m, p, c.
 John Ward—e, el, f, m, p, c, met*, ed.
 Anthony Weatherhead—e, el, h, g, m.
 Robert Yapp—rk, e, el, h, g, m, p, c.
 Christine Brookes—e, el, f, m, c, b, a.
 Julia Curtis—rk, e, el*, f, h, m, p, c, b.
 Cora Dalton—rk, e, el, p, a.
 Wendy Deakin—e, el*, f*, h*, m*, p, c*, b.
 Teresa Duraj—rk, e, f, a, pol.
 Catherine Evans—rk, e, el, f*, h, m, p, c, b.
 Julie Holsman—rk, e, el*, f, g, m, p, b, a.
 Jenny Hopkinson—rk, e, el, g, b, a, ck.
 Jane Lamburn—rk, e*, el*, f*, m*, p, c, b, a.
 Anne Longstaff—rk*, e, el*, f, h, m*, p, c, b.
 Jeanne Peskett—e*, el, f, h, hb.
 Susan Searson—e, el, f, h, m, hb, mus.
 Jane Sreeves—e, el, f, g, m, ck.
 Joan Vigurs—e, el, h, g, m, p, c.
 Beverley Wainwright—rk, e, el, g, ck.
 Susan Wilkes—e, el, f, ck.
 Valerie Wright—e, el, m, a, ed.
 Susan Yates—rk, e, el*, f, h*, m, p, c*, b.
 Anthony Baylis—el, m, p.
 Donald Bennett—e*, el, f, m*, p*, c, ed.
 Anthony Davies—e, el, f, m, p, c, b.
 David Freeman—rk, e, el, f, h, g, m, c.
 David Harrison—f, m, p, c, ed.
 Roger Hartland—el, f, g, m, p, c.
 Alan Kibblewhite—e, el, f, m, p, c, b*, ed.
 Kevin Leeson—e, el, f, m, p, c*, met*, ed.
 Timothy Oldham—e, el, f, m, p.
 Robert Truslove—rk, e, el, f, h, m, p.
 Paula Barlow—rk, e, el*, h, g, p, hb.
 Rosemarie Baseley—rk, el, f, a, ck.
 Pamela Boyle—rk, e, el*, f, g, m*, p*, c*, b*

Hilary Chapman—rk, e, el*, f, m, c, hb*, a, ck.
 Jayne Coffee—rk, e, el, h, m.
 Susan Dewis—rk, e, el, g, m, c, ck.
 Margaret Donovan—e, el, f, m, hb, ck.
 Sylvia Hyde—rk, e, el, hb, a, ck*.
 Rosemary Jacques—rk, e, el*, f*, h, g, m*, p, c.
 Lynette Manley—rk, e*, el*, f, h* g, m, hb*, ck.
 Felicia Moris—rk, e, el, f, m, p, a, ck.
 Helen Moule—rk, e, el, f, m, p, b, a.
 Vivienne Payne—rk, e, el, f, g, m*, p, c, hb*.
 Julia Robinson—rk, e, el, f, h, m, hb*, mus.
 Jane Sawyer—rk, e, el, f*, m*, p, a, mus.
 Helen Schober—rk, e, el, f, m, p, c, b,
 Patricia Tookey—rk, e, el, f, m, p, c, hb*.

Sixth Form

Hazel Dodd—s.
 Wendy Fisher—s.
 Ruth Taylor—s.
 Shirley Cooper—nw.
 Teresa Gay—nw.
 Susan Gladwin—nw.
 Geraldine Jolliffe—nw.
 Jennifer Rigby—nw.
 John Blount—am.
 Clive Jolliffe—am.

FAREWELL

Autumn 1971. Brian J. Woolley (3L), R. d'Arcy Andrews (3M).

Spring 1972. Matthew D. Torvell (3S).

Summer 1972.

- U6M—Ian G. Boyle, Simon J. G. Burlton, Paul N. Eadon, Philip B. Escott, David P. Fisher, Stephen P. Furness, Ian M. Greig, David S. Howie, Steven L. Mills, Stephen Rewse.
 Bridget M. Carter, Elizabeth S. Cox, Teresa M. Gay, J. Sally Green, Sara Hopkinson, Anne C. Lawrence, Jennifer Rigby, Cheryl A. Turner, Roslynn D. Weaver, Rosemary A. Woodcock.
 U6S—John E. Blount, Robin P. Clarke, Colin Hill, Malcolm J. Howie, Clive G. Jolliffe, Clive J. Kibblewhite, Martyn J. Whalley, Richard J. Williams.
 Rosalind M. Bell, Susan M. Bond, Elaine D. Booker, Shirley E. Cooper, Margaret J. Cund, Susan M. Gladwin, Lynda J. Hawker, Rosemary John, A. Geraldine Jolliffe, Carolyn M. Jukes, Janet M. Miles, Beverley A. Powell.
 L6S—Jean A. Kennedy, Pat J. Carroll, Andrew C. Kimber.
 5M—David J. Burston, John N. Ward.
 Christine M. Brookes, Lynette I. Gardner, Jenny Hopkinson, Jeanne R. Peskett, Jane L. Sreeves, Joan L. Vigurs, Beverley J. Wainwright, Susan Wilkes, Valerie J. Wright.
 5S—David N. Harrison.
 Margaret H. Donovan, Sylvia M. Hyde, Patricia N. Tookey, Hilary J. Chapman.
 3S—Sandra A. Ward.
 1S—Susan E. Nightingale.

WELCOME

Autumn 1971. George A. Edwards (3L), Deborah R. Cobain (3L).

Summer 1972. Adrian P. Brookes (3L).

Spring 1972. Nicholas B. Titley (3M).

Summer 1972. Kelvin Monk (3S).

Autumn 1972.

1M—David R. Akerman, Malcolm Allum, Steven R. Chambers, Andrew J. Dunbar, Matthew T. Goodman, John A. Greenaway, Simon M. Gregory, Paul L. Hancox, Ian D. Langston, Rupert A. Organ, Colin I. Partridge, David N. Robertson, D. Hugh Rowley, Digby J. Smart, Adrian M. Waters.

Claire Ambler, Amanda J. Brewin, Susan K. Day, Jayne C. Fox, Jennifer M. Fraser, Karen J. Hemming, Renata B. Mosz, Nicola J. Pepper, Georgina K. Rouse, Clare J. Sawyer, Elizabeth H. Simister, Elizabeth A. Sturley, Jane L. Williams, Michelle L. Willmott, Christine A. Wood.

1S—Nicolas C. Bridges, Timothy R. Clark, Stephen P. Dyer, John M. Escott, Keith R. Evans, Jonathan P. Hallam, Martyn S. Langston, Stephen W. McCarthy, Julian N. McMahon, Duncan E. Neville, Andrew S. Phelps, John C. Reeves, Neale A. Smith, John R. Walters, Roderick S. Yates.

Susan A. Berridge, Siobham B. Clancy, Alison J. Collett, Nicola J. Court, Kay Edwards, Belinda A. Fey, Geraldine A. Lamb, Jane E. Longstaff, Shirley C. Millard, Carolyn N. O'Sullivan, Julia M. Rankin, Deborah J. Rugg, Jill Strain, Jeannie Tarver, Karen A. Wood.

First Form: Clara S. Shaw (Ohio).

Second Form: Andrew Lamb and Laura Watton (Studley H.S.), Jill Harrison (Greville H.S.), Lesley Harris (Tudor Grange, Solihull), Alison Scott (Solihull H.S.), David G. Phillips (Kings College J.S. Wimbledon).

Third Form: Stuart Whitwell (Boston G.S.), Alison Phillips (Putney H.S.), Jacqueline Woosnam (Worcester Gr. Sch.).

Fourth Form: Sally Buchanan (Cheltenham Technical H.S.), Mary G. Shaw (Ohio), Ian T. Turner (Bishop Wordsworth, Salisbury).

Lower Sixth: Michael Thomas, Alison Holt and Deborah Clarke (Studley H.S.), Stephen Philpott and Geraldine Bennett (Bidford H.S.), Paul Fitzsimmons, Valerie Clarke and Catherine Plummer (St. Benedict's H.S.), Nigel Groves (Harold Malley, Solihull), Michael Fallon (Sacred Heart, Droitwich).

WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO?

Sixth Form Leavers

To University: Ian Boyle and Stephen Mills (Mechanical Engineering at Salford), Stephen Rewse (Bio-Chemistry at Nottingham), Martyn Whalley (Civil Engineering at Birmingham), Cheryl Turner (Mathematics and Economics at Nottingham), Susan Bond (Modern Languages at Nottingham), Geraldine Jolliffe (Biological Sciences at Sussex in 1973).

To Colleges of Education: Simon Burlton (Redlands, Bristol), John Blount (St. Paul's, Cheltenham), Richard Williams

(Southlands, London), Teresa Gay (Whitelands), Sara Hopkinson (Redlands, Bristol), Anne Lawrence (P.E. at Coventry), Jennifer Rigby (Alsager), Rosalind Bell (Kesteven), Margaret Cund (Hereford), Susan Gladwin and Rosemary John (St. Mary's, Cheltenham), Carolyn Jukes (Scarborough), Janet Miles (Alnwick).

To other Colleges: Paul Eadon and David Fisher (Agriculture), Robin Clarke (Music at Bromsgrove), Colin Hill (Computer Science at Lanchester), Ian Greig and David Howie ("A" levels at Redditch), Clive Jolliffe ("A" level Science at Stratford), Bridget Carter (Art at Leamington), Roslynn Weaver and Elaine Booker (Secretarial Languages Course at Solihull).

To other professional training: Lynda Hawker (Nursing at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Birmingham), Malcolm Howie (trainee Chartered Surveyor at Stratford), Philip Escott, Stephen Furness and Shirley Cooper (Banking), Rosemary Woodcock (trainee buyer at Harrod's), Beverley Powell (trainee buyer at Rackham's), Clive Kibblewhite (Farming), Sally Green (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art), A. Kimber (Automobile Engineering at Bromsgrove College).

Fifth Form Leavers

John Ward (6th form in Hertfordshire), David Harrison (Agricultural College), Christine Brookes and Jane Sreeves (Higher Secretarial Course, Stratford), Lynette Gardner (Nursery Nurse), Jennifer Hopkinson (Henley College, Coventry), Jeanne Peskett (Birmingham College of Food and Domestic Arts), Joan Vigurs (6th form at Oswestry H.S.), Beverley Wainwright, Susan Wilkes, Valerie Wright and Margaret Donovan (Stratford College), Sylvia Hyde and Hilary Chapman (Redditch College), Patricia Tookey (N.F.U. Stratford).

STAFF NEWS

We regret to report the death of William Thornton (Staff 1942-63) and Frau Reiners who, as Miss Taylor, was on the Staff from 1921-22.

Mrs. Hall (old scholar née Thomas), widow of former Science master Sidney Hall, has returned to live in Alcester.

We send our best wishes for the future to members of staff who have left during the year.

Mrs. Iris Willis, who retired at Easter, will be much missed after nearly thirteen years at the School. Mrs. Willis taught English, Geography and Religious Education, mainly in the

junior section of the School and this gave a sense of continuity to the many who came under her guidance. As a member of the Games Staff she was especially interested in hockey and helped with the coaching of the teams.

Mrs. Molly Dowell also left at Easter. She first joined the school to teach Art during the summer term of 1969, when Miss Simm was on an Art course at Brighton. For over two years after this she taught the junior forms and helped with the work of Ordinary and Advanced level candidates.

Mrs. Margaret Lemon had to leave at Easter when her husband's work took him to Norwich. She was here for two years teaching Mathematics at all levels.

We said good-bye in July to Mrs. Pamela Price who joined the staff in September 1961 to teach English and Speech Training and to take charge of Drama, then a newly developing subject in the school. During her time here, she produced many plays, both Shakespearian and other classics of the Stage, and the School play became an eagerly awaited annual event. Mrs. Price also started a choral speaking group which performed on many public occasions with great success.

Mr. Ian Clark left at the end of July to take up an appointment in Redditch schools. He had been in charge of Latin studies since April 1964 and also taught English, History and French. On the games field his assistance with hockey was particularly valuable. In the year 1968-69 he was seconded to Nottingham University where he obtained a diploma in Curricular Education; on his return, he undertook the supervision of the school library.

July also saw the departure of Mrs. Gillian Hughes who had taught Music since 1966 and left us to devote herself to her family commitments. Mrs. Hughes continued and developed the work done by the School choir and was responsible for starting the madrigal and folk groups which became well-known beyond the confines of the School for their performances in the district.

Mrs. C. Pettifor spent the summer term with us, teaching mathematics and, at the beginning of that term, we also welcomed the arrival of Mrs. E. V. Matthews to teach Geography and Mrs. D. Clay to teach Religious Education.

Three students also spent some time here this year, Miss Rawles from Coventry, Miss Senior and Mr. Spooner from Worcester. Monsieur Guy Bouissou finished his year as French Assistant and returned to France for military service.

This term we welcome the following new members of staff :-

Miss L. C. Denton, B.Sc., Leicester University, to teach Mathematics; Mrs. J. Land from the Leys H.S., Redditch, to teach Music; Mrs. M. Mulholland, B.A. in English at Toronto University and M.A. last year in Drama, to teach English and Drama; and Mrs. P. A. Woodcock to teach Latin and French.

Congratulations to the following :-

Mr. and Mrs. B. Woodcock — a son in August 1971;
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sawyer — a son in December 1971;
Mr. and Mrs. L. Green — a daughter in January 1972;
Mr. and Mrs. P. Holmes — a son in April 1972;
Mr. and Mrs. Hughes (née G. Gibbs) — a daughter in September 1972.

SCHOOL PREFECTS 1972-73

Head Boy: Graham Ricketts, *Deputy Head Boy*: John Hughes. Mark Brazil, Christopher Charlton, Christopher Donovan, Howard Hodgkins, Ian Mackintosh, Jeremy Mayle, Ian Phipps, John Sawyer, Ian Tanner, Nigel Turner.

Head Girl: Susan Robertson. *Deputy Head Girl*: Wendy Fisher. Susan Burrows, Hazel Dodd, Suzanne Kirby, Julia Nocks, Susan Pitts, Caroline Roseblade, Carole Rundle, Wendy Salmon, Mary Seeney, Ruth Taylor.

New Members of Magazine Committee 1972-74

Ian Aldridge, Anthony Davies, Timothy Oldham, Paula Barlow, Teresa Duraj, Rosemary Jacques, Susan Yates, Janis Jansons.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

University Successes

Linda J. Henson (1961-68) Class 2.2 in Psychology at Hull.
Richard K. Bull (1962-69) Class 2.1 in Physics at Birmingham.
Andrew Philpott (1962-69) Class 2.1 joint honours in English Literature and History at Leeds.
Jackie Howard (1962-69) Class 2.2 in History at Bristol.
Stephanie Bradshaw (1962-69) Class 2.1 in Psychology at Bristol.
Matthew Smith (1964-71) Class 1 in Part 1A of Natural Sciences Tripos at Cambridge. Awarded Exhibition at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.
Peter Heath (1964-71) Class 2 in Part 1A of Natural Sciences Tripos at Cambridge.
Joanne Kimber (1962-69) Class 2 in History at Birmingham.

- Stephen Jones (1963-69) Class 2.2 in ~~Mechanical Engineering~~ *Electrical Science Tripos* Part I Tripos at Cambridge.
- Peter C. Cooke (1950-55) has been promoted to financial director of Interprocess Ltd., a London firm of process engravers.
- Sandra Howard (1960-65) hit the headlines of the national dailies for earning £3,470 in overtime pay for 15 days' work as a production assistant for A.T.V. Her work involved checking camera shots, clearing copyrights of music and booking artists' hours of work during a programme featuring "Robinson Crusoe on Ice" at the Empire Pool, Wembley.
- Arthur G. Cooke (1953-58) is principal officer for Chatham Borough Council.
- Shona Tubman (1966-71) is studying at Worcester College of Further Education.
- Alan Godfrey (1962-69) and Mrs. Hodges (née Kathleen Watton) have both gained the Higher National Diploma in Business Studies.
- Colin Danks (1953-58) has started teacher training at Shenstone College and will be a student teacher here this term for P.E. and games.
- Meryll Newborough (1961-68) has taken a post-graduate certificate in Education at Leeds.
- Diana Hunt (1927-38) has returned after 21 years from Bombay where she had been Warden since 1957 of a hostel for women students from 10 colleges and departments of Bombay University.
- Anne Perkins (1962-69) is starting the fourth year for a B.A. degree at the Central London Polytechnic having just completed a year in France and Spain.
- Christopher Saunders (1962-69) has also completed his year abroad and is starting the fourth year of a Modern languages degree course at Leeds University.
- Anne Yates (1962-69) is starting her fourth year of the B.Ed. degree course at Christ's College, Liverpool.
- Jackie Howard (1962-69) is taking a post-graduate Education Course at Worcester College of Education.
- Richard Bull (1962-69) is taking an M.Sc. course in Radio-activity at Birmingham University.
- Susan E. Thomas (née Holder) (1962-69) has been working as a motor underwriter for the Eagle Star Insurance Company in Birmingham and is now a housewife at Offenham, Evesham.
- Linda J. Henson (1961-68) has completed a post-graduate course at the City of Birmingham College of Education and is now teaching at Willersey County Primary School, Gloucestershire.

Rosamund J. Clifford (1959-65) has qualified as a teacher at the City of Birmingham College of Education and has been appointed to Archbishop Wesley Secondary School, Acocks Green.

Wendy Padbury (1959-63) will play Wendy in "Peter Pan" at the London Coliseum this Christmas.

Births

1971—Mr. and Mrs. Colin Such (editor of the Record 1963) — a son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kinnersley — a daughter.

1972 Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Baylis (née Marjorie Benfield) — a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Thornton — a daughter.

Marriages

1971 William E. Cooper (1957-62) to Brenda E. Goode.

1972 Anthony J. Barry to Patricia E. Mahoney (1959-66).

Dirk Slevrink to Glennis L. Betts (1958-64).

Laurence Haines (1930-49) to Enid M. W. Smith (1939-42).

Deaths

1971 Olive la Trobe (née Hansell) (1922-26).

Leonard Fancote (1921-23).

Edward A. Finnemore (1912-20).

1972 Evelyn G. Price (née Wilesmith) (1912-22).

Raymond H. R. Jephcott (1912-21).

Edward Adkins (1913-18).

OLD SCHOLARS' GUILD

The guild, which has been dormant since 1962, was revived this year at a meeting held on September 18th.

The Officers are :-

President : The Headmaster.

Chairman : Mr. Clive Savage.

Secretary : Miss Bryony Clark.

Treasurer : Mr. Peter Feast.

Committee : Messrs. J. M. Stewart, R. Guillaume, T. Davies, S. Mogg, P. Heath, B. Slaughter, T. Eagleton, Misses R. Weaver and A. Rogers, and Mr. F. W. Petherbridge (Staff representative).

Membership subscription is 50p. Rugby and Hockey matches versus the school are planned for Wednesday, 13th December and an Old Scholars' Reunion on Saturday, 16th December in the School Hall. A summer reunion is also proposed.

All Old Scholars are invited to join the guild and should contact the Secretary whose address is 2, Winchcombe Road, Alcester. News should be sent to Miss Audrey Rogers, Remonda, Salford Priors, Evesham, Worcs. Tel. Bidford-on-Avon 3222.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 1971-72

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|
| Major Events (10 - 6 - 2 points) | | | |
| Drama | N | S | W |
| Boys' Senior Rugby | S | W | N |
| Boys' Junior Rugby | S | N | W |
| Cross Country | S | W | N |
| Girls' Senior Hockey | S | W | N |
| Girls' Junior Hockey | W | S | N |
| Boys' Senior Football | W | S | N |
| Boys' Junior Football | S | N | W |
| Athletics | W | N | S |
| Arts and Crafts | N | W | S |
| Girls' Senior Tennis | N | S | W |
| Girls' Junior Tennis | W | S | N |
| Girls' Senior Rounders | S | W | N |
| Girls' Junior Rounders | W | N | S |
| Boys' Senior Cricket | S | W | N |
| Boys' Junior Cricket | N | S | W |
| Minor Events (5 - 3 - 1 points) | | | |
| Senior 5 A Side Football | S | N | W |
| Junior 5 A Side Football | S | W | N |
| Final Position : | | | |
| 1. Spencer | 122 points | | |
| 2. Wells | 100 points | | |
| 3. Newport | 84 points | | |

